



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

"Working in partnership toward the development of a diverse, just, & sustainable community."

Newsletter Editorial Page August 9, 2005

Confessions of a "Liberal" Throughout my 88 years, I have been called more descriptive and well-defined terms than "liberal" starting with "kike" and ending up with "empty-headed terrorist" – too many of which I must confess I didn't get the point. All I could figure out was that they were supposed to take me down a notch. But being basically naïve and coming from a white middle-class supportive family, I just figured they were either insecure or misinformed. Furthermore, in my childlike innocence, I didn't understand the insecurities of going hungry, not having shelter, or ever being incarcerated.

My education didn't begin until I started taking political science classes at U.C.L.A. in the mid-30's and continued with being an active trade-unionist after graduating. In my senior year in chemistry the head of the department startled me by saying there was no point in finishing because there are no job opportunities in the L.A. area for Jews. Upon graduating with a B.A. in chemistry, I found out his tactless warning was correct so I became a machinist where union security and pay topped by far that of a chemist with only a B.A. The anti-Semitism was still there, but because my co-workers didn't expect Jews to work with their hands, I seldom was the target. Incidentally, at that time the I A of M initiation oath excluded Blacks. They were relegated to Jim Crow locals. This changed just pre- World War II, when demand for skilled workers over-rode built-in biases.

I have never ceased to be amazed at the biases shown to people who come from a different background. When I worked for the California State Relief Administration in winter of the early '40's in Tulare County, most of our clients were "Okies" & "Arkies" from the dust bowl regions of those states, so capably described by John Steinbeck in *Grapes of Wrath*. The townspeople where I roomed in the rural city of Visalia hated these mostly illiterate, impoverished farmers who had an ingenious but different lifestyle. Many had come to California from the dust-parched lands at the invitation of corporate farms with flyers which read, "Come to California where there is lots of farm work. If you don't like the job, just climb over the fence and go to work for the neighboring farm."

The truth of the matter was that, in the San Joaquin Valley in the winter months, there was a little pruning and cotton chopping, but no other work. Consequently, to keep from starving they had to go on relief then administered by the liberal state administration. Most begged us to get on WPA, because they wanted to earn their keep, but funds for that and the Farm Security Administration were limited too. The dust-bowl farmers got by, through pooling their resources and living on unoccupied land of which there was plenty in Tulare County.

As much as they hated these out-of-state intruders, the towns-people despised the social workers even more. The requirement for the job was only to have a B.A. degree or better. That is how I got the job. But our lifestyle was just as different from the long-time residents as that of the "Okies." We were socially tolerant of anyone's living conditions, but as a group we probably resembled the upcoming "Hippie" generation. An interesting sidelight, many of the children of these enlightened "Okies" went North to the Bay Area, mostly Richmond, to find work in the shipyards during World War II. Their dealings with the Black population of Richmond were notoriously racist.

Looking back today I find, for myself anyway, the biggest obstacles to world peace and tolerance are personal insecurity, poverty, fears for our children, and lack of jobs. It is hard to concentrate on doomsday predictions of nuclear proliferation, global warming, or other environmental disasters when the more immediate fears of terrorist attacks, of jobs, of health insurance for our kids and parents, or education take precedence. It is easier to think more of consumer niceties for living than oil depletion; of paying high prices for entertainment and pleasures than the time-consuming work of recycling.

The answer probably lies in the accessibility and attractiveness of getting informed news and education. Most people, when confronted with an either or situation, will choose the wiser course if given the opportunity to look at both sides. So, always the optimist, I have hopes and the will to proceed to 1] get out of Iraq the same way we got out of Viet Nam and 2] change the massive public spending for Iraq and other military outlays toward UN reconstruction of devastated countries, toward universal health insurance including drugs, and toward decent and healthful programs for jobs, education, and social services. Through education for peace and non-violent mediation, the U.S. can take the lead in stopping depletion of the world's resources, stop the fear and hatred so prevalent in the world and allow us to spend more time in healthy living.

Renew & Restore the Voting Rights Act – The Voting Rights Act signed into law on Aug. 6, 1965 has been called the most successful piece of civil rights legislation in history. Unfortunately, unless Congress votes to renew several key sections of the law, they will expire by 2007. The expiring provisions include a section that requires voting districts with a history of discrimination to pre-approve or pre-clear changes to voting laws with the Justice Department or a federal court in Washington; a provision that gives the attorney general the authority to appoint poll watchers and election monitors; and a crucial provision that guarantees language assistance to voters with limited English proficiency.

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PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center (RPJC) at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers events, information services, and meeting space to the public. Fair-trade and local gifts for sale, books and videos available to borrow. Summer hours are 1 - 6 pm, Wednesday - Friday; and 10 am - 3 pm Saturday. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net. Calendar of events at www.rpjc.net/calendar.html.

Southern Humboldt Action Center (SHAC); the Southern Humboldt home to the Redwood Peace and Justice Center, Local Solutions Political Action Committee, and Humboldt Mediation Services is located on Redwood Drive between Denise's Café and the Brass Rail. Info: 923-1116.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Thursday, August 11, through Sunday, August 21: Humboldt County Fair: 11 am - 9 pm daily. Carnival, horse racing, exhibits, art, livestock, & live entertainment. Complete schedule at www.humboldtcountyfair.org. Info: 786-9511 or 725-1306.

Thursday, August 11: Eureka Free Summer Concert Series – “Bill Noteman and the Rockets;” Lake County blues band. 6 - 8 pm on the boardwalk in Old Town Eureka. Blankets and beach chairs encouraged. Info: 442-9054.

Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13: "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Shakespeare in the Park at Redwood Park in Arcata. 7 pm. Bring warm clothes. \$9, \$10. Info and reservations: 822-7091.

Saturday, August 13: Buddy Brown Blues Festival presented by the Humboldt Folklife Society from 11 am on at Perigot Park in Blue Lake. Live music, beer, BBQ and more. \$15 at the gate, \$12 advance. Info and schedule: www.bluelakeblues.com or 822-5394.

Sunday, August 14: Emma Center Fundraiser; Local acoustic bluegrass band "Moses Lincoln Johnson" will play at Six Rivers Brewery in McKinleyville, 8 - 11 pm, for an evening of music, dance, and celebration. Donations at the door. Info: 825-6680 or info@emmacenter.org.

Sunday, August 14: Summer Music and Art Series on the Arcata Plaza every Sunday, 2 - 6 pm, through September. Featured artists for this date are **Likwefi** and **Ponche**. Booth space still available for handcrafted items. Info: 822-4500.

Thursday, August 18: Eureka Free Summer Concert Series – “California Girls;” all girl surf band. 6 - 8 pm on the boardwalk in Old Town Eureka. Blankets and beach chairs encouraged. Info: 442-9054.

Sunday, August 21: Summer Music and Art Series on the Arcata Plaza 2 - 6 pm. Featuring **Cuckoo's Nest** and **Good Company**. Info: 822-4500.

Friday, August 26 "Liberty for All' Ball;” 6-10 pm, at HSU's Goodwin Forum in Nelson Hall, Celebrating the **85th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in America**. A benefit for Humboldt Domestic Violence Services and Earth Rhythms October production of "*The Burning of Ursula Schmidt*." Food, music, etc. provided. \$10 - \$50. Come in costume of favorite Suffragette or Feminist (Female or Male). Info: Erik or Star at 822-3648.

Saturday, August 27: The Organic Planet Festival; noon - 8 pm at Halvorsen Park in Eureka. Californians for Alternatives to Toxics celebrates a natural and non-toxic world with music capped off by David Lindley, great organic food, nationally recognized speakers, workshops, non-toxic artwork, and other organic and non-toxic products and services. Volunteers needed; booth spaces available. Info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

Sunday, August 28: Film "Operation Abolition." In 1960 the House Un-American Activities Committee came to San Francisco to hold hearings on the influence of Communists in the West Coast labor unions. San Franciscans responded with spirited demonstrations to which the police responded with fire hoses & mass arrests. This 45 minute film is a propaganda piece produced by HUAC which attempts to link the demonstrators to a broader Communist conspiracy. It contains riveting news footage of the hearings and demonstrations. Donation. Free popcorn. 7 pm at the Redwood Peace and Justice Center, 1040 H St. Arcata. Info: 826-2511.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesday, August 17: Summer Reading Club Craft Program in Arcata. Drop-in summer reading club crafts program. 2 - 4 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 Seventh St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Thursday, August 18: Third Thursday Family Arts Night; a new program put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum offers diverse activities in music, art, and entertainment. This month features Ferndale Repertory Theater and the Ink People Center for the Arts. 6 - 8 pm at 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Wednesdays: Summer Reading Club Craft Program. Each week at 1:30 pm there will be a story and craft program that ties in with the Summer Reading Club. Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Through August 19: Free Summer Lunches for Kids. Food for People offers free lunches for kids 18 and under at various sites from Redway to Orick. Call 445-3166 for times and locations.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, August 13: Hike the Proposed Canyon Creek Gold Mine with EPIC. Hike the proposed mining site with local activists and visit several sites in Canyon Creek that have been open pit mined in the past and not recovered. Meet at 9:30 am at the Arcata Coop kiosk (9th and I Streets) to carpool out to Canyon Creek. Info: 476-8340. For info on the proposed Canyon Creek Mine go to: www.wildcalifornia.org or www.pelicannetwork.net/canyoncreek.htm.

Every Thursday: Protest The Pollution From The Evergreen Pulp Mill (AKA the Samoa Pulp Mill); in front of the Humboldt County Courthouse at 5 pm. The Citizens' Pulp Mill Committee invites you to join them and take action to make Eureka's air safe to breathe. Info: 443-7926 or 268-1385. See info under "Meetings" (below) also.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays of the Month: Dunes Restoration with Friends of the Dunes. Join the Friends for discounted coffee and treats from 9 - 9:30 am (optional) at a local coffee house, then work at one of the local dune areas from 10 am - 1 pm. Through the summer every participant will be entered in a drawing for nice prizes each time they help with a restoration. Info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

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WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Throughout August: Free Health Care Clinics for Seniors in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Services include vision and hearing screening, blood pressure, various blood tests, health history review, screenings, and personal health plan formulation. In Eureka August 19 and 22, Arcata August 11, Garberville August 15, McKinleyville August 15, Fortuna August 24, and Crescent City August 24. To schedule appointments: 268-2107 (Garberville 923-2779).

Saturday, August 13: Free Gardening Workshop: "Gardening in the Shade;" 10:30 am at Miller Farms Nursery, 1828 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. To register or for more info: 839-1571.

Wednesday, August 24: "Farms to Food to People," facility tours and info on the programs that Food for People offers. Learn more about hunger in Humboldt County. Info: 445-3166 ext 306 or email jrishel@foodforpeople.org.

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT); at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Street, Arcata. Every Friday, noon - dark: Volunteer Day with tour at 2 pm. All welcome. Workshops will resume later this month as HSU reconvenes. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

MEETINGS

Regularly scheduled meetings are now listed in the insert. Special topics, speakers, or events will be listed here.

Every Wednesday: Citizen's Pulp Mill Committee Meeting at 915 California St, Eureka at 7pm. Projects in the works include courthouse demonstrations, petition circulating, and an appeal to the Variance decision. If you would like to receive the "Shut It Down" newsletter, please contact kyedorskid@aol.com. Info: 443-7926 or 268-1385.

Saturday, August 13: Regional Green Party Meeting at the Laytonville Fire Hall from noon until 3 pm. This is an opportunity for Greens to discuss developments at the state level, such as the November election, as well as the inner workings of the state Green Party. Representatives from the state Coordinating Committee will be present. Info: 937 4352 (Bernie) or 923 4488 (Paul).

Tuesday, August 16: Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee Meeting at 7 pm at Democratic Headquarters, 129 Fifth Street, Eureka. Discussion will focus on the Special Election this November. Local staff will report on the activities of elected Democratic officials. Info: www.humboltdemocrats.org, democrats@cox.net, or 445-3366.

NAACP will not hold meetings July and August, back in September.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

Regularly scheduled programs are now listed in the insert. Special programs or specific guests will be listed here.

Thursdays at 1:30 pm: **Econews Report** with NEC Director **Tim McKay**; on KHSU, 90.5 FM. **Guests:** 8/11, Marchant Wentworth, lobbyist for the Union of Concerned Scientists, explains the Bush energy policy; 8/18, Janice Mazurek, director of the Progressive Policy Institute's Energy and Environment Project, shares her expertise; 8/25, Dave Reckless of the California Wilderness Coalition discusses the effort to protect local wetlands. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Mondays at 5 pm and Thursdays at 6 pm: "Seeking Solutions," a new locally produced series on HCTV, Public Access Channel 12, focusing on the exploration of community issues from a progressive, solutions-oriented perspective and providing a forum for in-depth discussions with local people working together to provide their community with alternative models for a healthy, sustainable future.

Thursday, August 11: Animal Advocate With Barbara Schultz, 7 - 8 pm on KMUD, 88.3 and 91.1FM. Part 3 of Pit Bulls—Family Pet or Menace, an update on SB 861 by Senator Speiers, advice on how to work with landlords who want to evict your pit bull, and information regarding the upcoming BAD RAP "Pit Bull" Conference 2005. Special Guest: Donna Reynolds, Founder of Bay Area Dog Lovers Responsible About Pit Bulls. Info: 445-1135.

HFRA 99.9 FM, Humboldt Free Radio Alliance broadcasts live on 99.9 FM. Tune in Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings; and Saturday and Sunday all day. Call for a complete schedule of programs. Info: 502-0175.

FOOD AND SHELTER

Farmers Market Aids Food Project Needs Volunteers In conjunction with local farmers for the past 13 years, the Arcata Farmers Market Food Project has provided fresh organic produce during the summer months to individuals and families in Humboldt County affected by HIV/AIDS. The Food Project is currently looking for volunteers to help collect and deliver food this summer. If you can spare 1 - 2 hours on a Saturday afternoon, please call: Michael Weiss 834-4832 or email: mweissdtr@aol.com.



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There is an old Quaker saying, "Better to light a single candle than curse the darkness."

WRITE A LETTER

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next 9/2, 6 pm, at 2322 Golf Course Rd., Bayside. Bring change for postage and optionally info on issues. For more info: call Wendy at 822-9377. For monthly reminders: mobilmed@igc.org.

ELECTION NEWS

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For further information, go to:

https://secure.aclu.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=257&s_scr=actionemail&s_subsrc=top&JServSessionIdr009=lc4754z2e2.app25a or call the local ACLU at 707-476-1263.

County Offices— On Friday August 12 at 5 p.m. the filing period closes for the local November elections. Almost 200 seats are up for grabs in a host of school districts, fire districts, water districts, and community service districts. In order to take out papers to run, you must be a registered voter in the appropriate District...and still breathing. Some offices require only 20 signatures to qualify; school boards require NO signatures. Most offices have NO FILING FEE at all.

If ever you might have considered running for local office, Local Solutions PAC, www.localsolutions.org (443-3921), welcomes your interest and encourages your participation. If you want to know which seats are open it's easy to find out which are open and who the incumbents are: School Board seats, go to: www.localsolutions.org/schoolboards.htm; for Community Service Districts, go to: www.localsolutions.org/ComSerDis2005.htm; for Fire Protection Districts, go to: www.localsolutions.org/firedis2005.htm; for Water Districts, go to: www.localsolutions.org/waterdis2005.htm; and for the Harbor District, go to: www.localsolutions.org/HBHRCNews.htm. Info at County Elections Office: 445-7481.

HOPE Coalition Membership Application

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

To synthesize and promote the individual visions of the organizations that make up Humboldt's environmentally and socially just community. These include, but are not limited to, the following types of organizations: Environmental, Social Justice, Peace, Labor, and Human Service.

Membership: Renewal []

Individual memberships: \$13 - \$25 per year.

Organizational memberships: \$25 - \$100 per year.

Make checks to HOPE Coalition. Amount: \$_____

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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is now available in Arcata at: the Co-op, NEC, & the RP&J center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

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PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers office space, message services, & meeting space to participating members. Summer hours are 1- 6 pm, Wed.- Fri.; & 10 am to 3 pm Sat. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

Activities at the Center:

1st Wednesday at 6 pm **Bar None!**, a prison support/activism group. 443-8805.

Tuesdays at 6 pm **The Educators Working Group** meets. Info: Jerome 442-7573.

4th Thursday at 6:30 pm **Humboldt Green Genes** meets. Info: Mike or Angela at 826-1031, or soydeva@hotmail.com.

Northern California Coalition for Women Prisoners meets. Call for meeting dates. Info: Stormy 442-3895 or Karen 825-7460 or email nccwp@earthlink.net.

Free fax to members of Congress on Fridays.

Not at the Center:

1st Thursday at 7 pm: **Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-2992.

Peace Vigils every Friday: 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.

Women in Black stand in silent vigil every Friday 5 - 6 pm at the Arcata Plaza, 8th & G, at the Humboldt County Courthouse, and at the McKinleyville Shopping Center on the grassy area between Luzmilla's and Blockbuster. They also stand every Friday from 4 - 5 pm in Trinidad at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St. Also, Saturdays at noon at the Humboldt County Courthouse.

Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

TALK SHOWS & COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY on KMUD, 88.3 fm, 923-2513.

Counterspin, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.

Animal Advocate, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Current animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; 12 - 1 pm, Monday - Friday. See also APEG Cox, Channel 12. Also www.democracynow.com. Also on KIDE 91.3 fm, 1 - 2 pm, Monday - Friday.

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report; 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.

Politically Correct Week in Review, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.

All Things Reconsidered with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

Global Stuff with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089.

Econews Report with NEC Director **Tim McKay**. Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Info: 822-6918.

Thursday Night Talk with Jamie Flowers; 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Call-in: 826-4805. Info: KHSU office: 826-4807.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

COMMENTARY on KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: Thom Hartmann, weekdays 9 - 12 am. Liberals' answer to Rush Limbaugh type.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13, Tues. at 9 pm: **Wide Angle** Fri. at 8:30 pm: **NOW** with David Brancaccio. Info: 445-8013.

Was APEG, now **HCMC Channel 12** (Public Access TV): **Every Sunday and Monday** from 6 - 7 pm **The Humboldt Magazine Show** news magazine program. Info: **Redwood Media News Group** at 825-6618. **Amy Goodman's Democracy Now** recognized best news on the air 5 - 6 am & 9 - 10 pm, Monday - Friday. Sunday nights at 9: **Outside the Box** "News & Views." **Classic Arts Showcase**, 12 - 4 pm, Monday - Friday. **INN Report from RadioFreeAmerica**, Friday and Saturday nights 9 - 10 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Forest Defenders Hotline and info: 825-6598.

Wild Urban Gardeners! meets Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1552 Spear Ave. in Arcata. Promoting food & native plant species, information about compost, greenhouses, seed banks, and community gardens. Info: 822-5861.

Adopt-the-Bay. Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.

Friends of the Marsh guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.

Audubon Society Field Trips; Free public field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot (foot of I Street in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

Friends of the Dunes; Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org. Check web site for complete calendar: www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; info: 826-3551.

ARTS

Arts Alive! Eureka First Saturday of the month at venues around town. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 442-9054.

Arts! Arcata; Second Friday of the month at venues around town and at HSU. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 822-4500.

The Ink People; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413.

Arcata Artisans Co-operative Gallery, H St. side of the Plaza. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 6, Sunday 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133.

Westhaven Center for the Arts; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860.

First Street Gallery; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or www.humboldt.edu/~first.

Clarke Historical Museum; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947.

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MEETINGS

NAACP; no meetings July and August. Regularly 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, **PAC** at 2:30 pm. at the Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 268-8287 or Priscilla at 442-2638.

Redwood Chapter ACLU, 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm, call for meeting places. Info: 476-1263 or www.acluredwood.org.

Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56); 1st Thursday at 7 pm at Marsh Commons, Arcata. Info: 826-2992.

Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter); 4th Wednesday at 7 pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville. 943-1874.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF); meets the last Monday 7 - 9 pm (6:30 - 7 social time) at the Marsh Commons, 101 H Street, Arcata. Info: Becky at 826-9197 or bluening@cox.net.

Humboldt Democratic Central Committee; 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Humboldt Greens; 1st Tuesday, 7 pm, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 7th and J St, Eureka. Chair Greg Allen greg@gregoryallen.net. Info: www.greenhumboldt.org, e-mail info@greenhumboldt.org. PO Box 114, Arcata, CA 95518. Message: 444-7676.

Arcata Greens; 2nd Monday, 7 pm at Cafe Mokka, 5th and J St, Arcata. Chair Jesse Goplen jgoplen@yahoo.com.

Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 3 pm at the Peace and Justice Center in Arcata. Call to confirm meeting times. Info: humboldtcommunistalliance@hotmail.com or 839-3824.

Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County; open meeting 3rd Thursday at 1402 M St, Eureka. Info: info@DUHC.org or 269-0984.

Humboldt Green Genes; 2nd Wednesday at CATS, 315 P St., Eureka at 6 pm. Info: Martha Devine, soydeva@webtv.net or 442-3481.

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Commission; 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.

Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.com.

McKinleyville Skate Park; 2nd Wednesday, 6:45 - 8 pm, 1540 Harper Ave. Info: Pat: 839-8241, www.mckskatepark.com.

The Tenants Union for renters' rights meets every other Thurs., at 321 Coffee Shop, 321 3rd St. Eureka from 4:30 - 6 pm. Info: 476-1919.

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.

Commission On Status of Women meets 2nd Thursday at 6 pm, conference room A of the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. The public is welcome. Info: Julie 822-2502 or <http://co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/>.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

HSU's Natural History Museum, 1315 G St. Arcata. Free drop programs on Saturdays 1 pm. Program info: 826-4479.

Humboldt County Library in Eureka Story Hour: 10 am Fridays & other programs. Info: Jo Ann Bauer, 269-1900.

Arts in the Afternoon; a free art studio for teens (6th - 12th grade). Open week days during the school year, 3 - 6 pm at Arcata Community Center. Sponsored by City of Arcata's Recreation Division. Info: 825-2028.

Raven Project Queer Coffee House for Youth; Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 pm. Also, girls & women 10 - 24 years meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 523 T St., Eureka, 443-7099.

Fridays: Human Rights Education For Kids Project; 3:30 pm, Redwood Peace and Justice Center, 1040 H St, Arcata. Info: 826-2511.

Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays: PULSE, new Teen Recreation Center; regular programming from 6 - 9 pm at the John Ryan Youth Center, 1653 J St, Eureka. Info: 268-1858.

Cyber Tribe; a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to anyone age 12 - 19. No experience necessary. Info: 826-1160.

Humboldt County Main Library Humboldt County Teen Law Clinic provides legal information & resources to area teens & their parents.

The clinic is located in Rm. 1 of the Marshall Bldg. on the Humboldt Bay/Eureka H.S. campus. The office is open 8 - 9 am & 3 - 5 pm every Tues. & Thurs. Info: Kyle or Lynn at 444-0153, or Georgette at 441-2549.

COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Humboldt Community Switchboard can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Call 441-1001 or 1-887-460-8000.

Humboldt Literacy Project, adults over 16 meet weekly at the Humboldt main library, Eureka with family literacy tutors to improve their reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655.

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups; all services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: toll free 866-668-6543.

North Coast Rape Crisis Team; 24 hour Crisis Line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.

The Emma Center Advocacy, support, referral services, library, and classes for trauma and abuse survivors. 920 Samoa Blvd. Suite 207, Arcata. Info: 825-6680 or info@emmacenter.org or www.emmacenter.org/emma.

LesBohemian Coffee House; An all women's space. Meets 2nd Saturday 7 pm, 1901 Calif. St., Eureka. 444-1061.

Vision Loss Services; Lighthouse of the North Coast will orient people to local, state, and national services on the last Tuesday of every month. 2127 Harrison Ave #3. Reservations preferred. Info: 268-5646.

The Care Givers Support Project provides information, referral, & coordination services to help care for seniors over 55 of all incomes. To schedule appointments & info: 268-2107.

The Area Agency on Aging sponsors many of the senior programs listed here. Info: 442-3763.